PUBLIUS LENTULUS. HIS

Newes to the Senate of Rome, *concerning* Jesus Christ

IN the daies of TIBERIUS CÆSAR the Emperour *as the Gouernours of sundry Prouinces, vnder the Senate and people of* Rome, *vsed to aduertise the Senate of such newes as chanced in diuers Countries*: Publius Lentulus *being at that time President in* Iudea, *wrote an epistle to the Senate and people of Rome, the words whereof were there*

Speciosus forma præ filijs hominum. psal: 44.

THere appeared in these our daies a man of greate vertue, named IESUS CHRIST, who is yet liuing amongst vs, and of the Gentiles is accepted for a Prophet of trueth: but his owne Disciples call him the Sonne of God. He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of diseases, a man of stature somwhat tall and comly, with a very reuerend countenance, such as the beholders may both loue & feare, his haier of the colour of a Philbert full ripe, and plaine allmost downe to his eares; but from the eares downeward somwhat curled, and more orient of colour wauing about his shoulders. In the midest of his head goeth a seame or partition of his haier, after the manner of the Nazarites; his forehead very plaine & smooth, his face without spot or wrinckle, beautified with a comely red; his nose and mouth soe formed, as nothing can be reprehended: his beard somwhat thicke, agreeable in colour to the haier of his head, not of any greate length but forked in the midst. of an innocent and mature looke. his eies gray, cleere and quick. in reproouing he is terrible, in admonishing curteous, and faier spoken; pleasant in speech, mixed with grauity. it cannot be remembred that any haue seene him laugh, but many haue seene him weepe: in proportion of body well shaped and straight; his hands & armes right delectable to behold; in speaking very temperate, modest, and wise, a man for his singular beauty, surpassing the children of men.